



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, April 27, 2011 Brooks House – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

School Committee

David Reif, Chair

Jason Poitras

Colleen Shapiro – absent

Donna White – absent

Gregory Berthiaume

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

Student Representative

Jen Markham - absent

Guests

John Londa

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- * Call to Order – Dr. Reif called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
 - * Chairman's Report – None.
 - * Review and Approve Minutes
 - April 6, 2011 Regular Session Minutes – Approved by Dr. Reif.
 - April 6, 2011 Executive Session Minutes – Tabled to next meeting.
 - * Review and Approve Warrants – Warrants were on the table for review and signatures. There were also two line item transfers to move money into the legal services line for a new total of \$16,800.
 - * Superintendent's Report
 - Superintendent Calmes reviewed what was done over April Break in terms of professional development (utilized Race to the Top funds) and grounds work.
 - Mr. Londa updated the committee on the solar project at THMS, which is approximately 30 days away from completion.
 - The superintendent expressed her appreciation to the administrative assistants within the school department for all they do.
 - *Project 582 – A Day of Service* will take place on Saturday. Slots for volunteers are still available.
 - The Empty Bowls Project is scheduled for May 25 at TCP.
 - The statewide Community Service Learning conference will be held on May 3 at Holy Cross College. Several teachers and students will attend with Superintendent Calmes.
 - The POPS concert is scheduled for May 6.
 - The next school committee meeting will be on May 4.
 - * Student Report – None.
 - * Public Comment – None.

* New Business

a. Application for 2011 Save Our Schools Grant – Mr. Londa addressed the committee. He gave a review of the previous SOS grant funds and how they were used two years ago. This grant opens on Friday and is due on May 25. Mr. Londa recommended applying for the grant to fund the following: security assessment within the last three years – approximately \$5K; complete lock replacements at the high school – approximately \$21K; and a card access system for the high school (access at four doors) – approximately \$21K; for a total of \$47,138. This is a matching grant so we would need to come up with half of the total amount. We may be able to leverage some of the money from the ADA capital project if it is passed at Town Meeting. We should hear back by mid-August if we are going to receive the SOS grant. Student cards would be restricted in terms of when they could gain access to the high school. There was discussion around the student key use and if it is wise to issue them. This agenda item will be brought back to the table next week.

b. Donations

- LYSA - fertilizing and seeding the field in front of the high school
- Hannaford Helps - Primary \$375, TCP \$345, LHS \$393
- Box Tops for Education - Primary \$879.90 and TCP \$591.40
- TerraCycle - TCP \$392.21 and Primary \$39.72

Superintendent Calmes thanked parents and community members for their support of these programs. The superintendent recommended acceptance of these donations. Dr. Berthiaume moved and Mr. Poitras seconded a motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation. Vote: unanimous

c. Superintendent's Evaluation – Tabled to next week.

* Old Business

a. FY12 Budget – Superintendent Calmes updated the committee on the FY12 budget. Chapter 70 is being funded at the governor's recommend level. Circuit Breaker is being funded at a higher rate than anticipated. The State is also freezing out-of-district private school tuitions. The Monty Tech assessment came in at \$20K less than anticipated. The following items are being restored to the budget: the music program at the Primary School; kindergarten aides to full time; special education teacher at the Primary School; and .8 science position at the high school.

* Public Comment – None

* Reports

- a. Advisory Committee
- b. Finance Committee
- c. School Councils
- d. PTO
- e. Policy Sub-Committee
- f. Capital Planning Committee
- g. Health Advisory Committee
- h. PAC/SAL
- i. Regional Planning Committee – Dr. Berthiaume reported that the RPC met Monday. They are pushing to get a new financial analysis done by July 1. The RPC will be on the agenda for the North Middlesex School Committee meeting on May 23.
- j. Rep. Benson's Advisory
- l. Other

* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

* Items for Future Discussion

- Workshop Sessions
- Facilities Use Procedure
- Civic Engagement

- * Executive Session – At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Poitras moved and Dr. Berthiaume seconded a motion to enter into executive session, not to return to regular session, for the purpose of a discussion related to collective bargaining strategies. Vote: unanimous.

Roll Call

Dr. Reif – yes

Mr. Poitras – yes

Dr. Berthiaume – yes

- * Adjournment – At 8:11 p.m. Mr. Poitras moved and Dr. Berthiaume seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Landi
Recording Secretary

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